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to fill all orders for fencing material at short  
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Posts 7 and 8 feet long, three, four, and five  
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Rails 15, 16 feet long, pointed.  
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Grain bought and sold on Commission.  
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## A QUESTION FOR BACHELORS.

Baby crowing on your knee,  
While you sing some little ditty,  
Pulls your hair or thumbs your eye;  
Wouldn't you think it wasn't pretty?  
Toll me, could you?  
If you owned "the baby"—would you?  
With arms about your neck,  
Says you "look just like the baby."  
Wants some cash to make a "sue,"  
And you would refuse her—may be!  
Could you? Should you?  
If you owned "the woman"—would you?  
Little labor, little strife,  
Little care and little cost;  
Would you sigh for single life?  
Would you murmur at your lot?  
Toll me, should you?  
If you owned the cottage—would you?  
Health and comfort, children fair,  
Wife to meet you at the door,  
Fond hearts throbbing for you there;  
Toll me, would you ask for more?  
Should you? Could you?  
If you owned the "ready"—would you?  
—Ed.

## DUCKS AND DUCK SHOOTING.

[The following articles on "Ducks and Duck Shooting" was contributed to a little paper published, some time ago, by the Port Penn Debating Society. A valued correspondent has kindly copied the article for our columns.]

Among the ducks to be seen in our marshes are the Black ducks, Mallards, Sprig-tails, Teal, Bald-pate, Black-heads, Grey duck, Spoon-bill, and many others. The three first named are the only ones that need interest us, as they are by far the most numerous and valuable. Black ducks and Mallards resemble one another very closely in size, general appearance and habits, and are usually found together. The counter-parts of both these varieties may be seen in our time or puddle ducks; but more especially the Mallard, as the same varieties of shade and color are constantly repeated in this family, and there is no doubt in the author's mind that our tame duck is the Mallard domesticated, and the only difference between them, viz: the grossness of the former, is due to its habits. The Black duck, as its name implies, is black, but not entirely so, for the male has buff-colored feathers about the head and breast, and blue patches on the wings. The female is of a steel grey tint; both have drab colored feathers under their wings. Their feet are red. These ducks look black at a short distance. Neither of these two varieties can be termed migratory, as they winter upon the wild marshes and swamps that border our bay. The shooting season is from September to April. During this time the ducks feed in the river during the day and come in on the marshes at night, thus giving an opportunity for night shooting. When it is very windy the river becomes too rough for the ducks to seek their food and they are consequently driven in upon the marshes for food and shelter. The Sprig-tail is a migratory bird, breeding during the summer season on the rocky shores of British America, and hibernating in the broad, shallow bays and sounds along our coast. A few winter in our bay, but our principal shooting is obtained in February, when the ducks are passing north to their breeding place, at the approach of spring. Frequently when the weather is stormy the ducks use our bay as a way-station, and then the shooting is excellent. Sprigs are much more numerous than Black ducks or Mallards. You seldom see a dozen of the latter in one flock, while it is no uncommon thing to see a hundred or more of the former. The Sprig is a beautiful bird, lustrous color on the back, variegated with lines of black. The wings are the same, shooting off to black at the tips, with bars of buff, green and gold bronzes, and white between the first and second joint. The breast is white, so also is the front of the neck and throat. The back of the neck is lead-color, while the side of the neck and head are of a very rich bronze brown. The peculiarity of the plumage of this bird is the distinctness with which all these colors are marked. They do not shade or blend into one another, but are divided by abrupt edges. The wings are long and narrow, and the tail is terminated by two long, black feathers, whence it derives its name of Sprig-tail. The females are smaller than the males and much less numerous; their plumage is of a plain drab or dove color.

Duck shooting may be divided into two classes. The first, Prowling and Night Shooting, which require no "fixings;" the second, River and Stool Shooting, which involves the use of apparatus. Prowling is the simplest form of duck shooting, and requires no knowledge of the nature and habits of the game. A man simply takes his gun and goes on the marsh trusting to luck or chance to get a shot. If he should happen to see a flock of ducks light on a pond where there is plenty of cover he may, perhaps, creep upon them and get a successful shot, but such cases do not often occur here, where the ducks are wary from having been shot at so continually, prowlers generally have their trouble for their pains. "Night Shooting" is based upon a knowledge of the habits of the birds. A sportsman wishing to enjoy this kind of shooting selects a pond which the ducks are in the habit of frequenting, and an evening before a storm, so that they will be in early. Putting on clothes as near the color of the marsh as possible, he manages to be in position about sundown. The ducks come in between daylight and dark, and fly very low and slowly. The gunner by imitating the "quack" of the duck may call them to him. This shooting is very exciting, and requires a cool head and steady nerves, but like most good things, is of short duration—seldom over an hour—still, even in this time, I have known ten ducks to be killed by one man,

though the average is far below this, and he who gets a pair does not complain. Any warm, calm day, when there is floating ice in the river, will answer for river shooting. The object is to imitate a cake of floating ice as much as possible. For this purpose we take a white gunning skiff, and hang from its gunwale a coarse net, through the meshes of which are pushed pieces of ice. A large cake of ice is placed on the bow, to conceal the gunner, and the disguise is complete. The gunner and his paddler are dressed entirely in white and lie flat down in the bottom of the boat, when approaching a flock of ducks. It would seem almost impossible to paddle a boat while in this position, yet it is done, and so noiselessly that a boat has been paddled into the centre of a large flock, and so close to individual ducks as to almost touch them. A gun twice the ordinary size is used in this sport, and the gunner expects to kill a great many at one shot. Fifty is not an unusual number to kill in one day. This is not a popular mode of gunning, as it is exposing. Stool shooting interests more than any other kind, because more ducks are killed over decoys than in all other ways put together. In the "good old time" a gunner could go on the marsh with a half dozen stools, and they might be trawled on the original in both shape and color, and lie on a bare ditch bank and kill his 20 ducks a day. But not so now. If a man wishes to make a good day he must be in a ducking box with twenty or thirty first rate stools, and five or ten live, tame ducks. A ducking box is a new invention. It is made water tight, and large enough to seat from one to three persons. This is sunk in the middle of a good pond, to within six inches of the top, and conceals the gunner entirely. Decoys are made of wood and painted, so that they might readily be mistaken for real ducks at a short distance. A day so stormy and windy that the ducks cannot feed on the river is selected. An early start is made, as everything must be in readiness before daylight.

The stools are placed ten or fifteen yards from the box. If it is to be a good day the ducks can be heard whistling over head before they can be clearly seen. As soon as it is light enough to see the stools the ducks pitch for them. We are all ready, and here they come, with wings bowed and necks crooked. They look as if they were going to drop right in among our stools, but no, they catch themselves, swerve off with the wind, make a circle behind the box and come back against the wind, getting lower and lower all the time until they are right over the stools, when they will drop their feet and hang an instant before dropping to the water. Now is the time, and the fellow who does not bring down at least two from such a flock is not worthy of the name of sportsman. This is a moderate shot.

Often, instead of coming in on the first circle, they will swerve off and circle again and again, getting closer each time until they hang over the stools, as in the other case, but instead of lighting will renew their circling flight, and finally settle at some distance from the stools and out of gun shot. A small flock stools better than a large one. In first rate shooting such chances as I have described should recur every half hour during the day. But we seldom have good shooting now; the ducks are so wild that they seldom come up over the stools. Twenty ducks is considered a good day over stools.

## HOW OFFICIALS WERE ONCE PAID.

It is not a generally known historical fact that from 1777 to 1784 the territory now known as Tennessee formed a part of North Carolina, and that in 1785 the Tennessees, becoming dissatisfied with their government, organized a State government under the name of "Franklyn," which was maintained for some years. The organization afterward disbanded, and Territorial Tennessee was again annexed to North Carolina. The following is among the laws passed by the legislature of the State of Franklyn. We copy, as found in a speech by Daniel Webster on the currency in 1838:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Franklyn, that it is hereby enacted by the authority of the State: That from the first day of January, 1779, the salaries of the officers of this Commonwealth be as follows, to-wit:

"His excellency the Governor, per annum, 1,000 deer skins;  
"His Honor the Chief Justice, 500 deer skins; or, 500 racoon skins;  
"The Treasurer of the State, 450 racoon skins;  
"Each County Clerk, 300 beaver skins;  
"Clerk of the House of Commons, 200 racoon skins;  
"Member of Assembly, per diem, three racoon skins;  
"Justice fee for signing a warrant, one muskrat skin;  
"To the Constable for serving a warrant, one mink skin;  
"Entered into a law the 28th day of October, 1779, under the great seal of the State."

When the mercury gets so low that a man has to lie down on his stomach to feel around for it with a pole, it is cold.—*Cin. Sat. Night.*

"I'll take snap judgment," as the turtle remarked when a bare-footed boy stepped on him.—*Keokuk Gazette City.*

## THE BEAUTIFUL BEYOND.

Even if distance does lend enchantment to the view, there is no excuse for people to be constantly craning their necks looking for some better place to emigrate to. There are no "better" places. All places, we candidly believe, are about as near alike as a wise Providence could create them; and if a person hears of a portion of the country that he thinks will just about fill the bill, and sell out at a sacrifice and hies him to a soft soap, he will likely as not find some discrepancies and pull-backs which were overlooked in the hurry and bustle of the moment. Where there is a man who has not, at some time, felt himself irresistibly drawn towards the mines of the west, where the best men that went have lost every dollar they took along, while some jay-hawker that was warned away from civilization, and took out only a gallon of whisky and a pack of cards, struck it rich the first blunder he made? What young farmer has not longed to go out on the plains of Idaho and get rich keeping a stock ranch—out there where the cattle are buried in sixteen feet of snow, with the indications pointing towards a storm? What restless soul, already provided with a comfortable home and moderate income, has not felt his bosom torn to become a Kansas grasshopper-sufferer, and lose his labor year after year by hoppers, potato blights, tornadoes, drought, prairie fires, and then be deluged with ten thousand black panthers—and not only that, but the aggravation of knowing that the soil is rich and the climate salubrious? What mild-eyed child of destiny, carried away by that same enchantment which distance lends to the view, has not some time resolved to cast his lot with the Texans, who hang a man for stealing a dead horse to get the shoes off it, and present a murderer with a gold watch as a slight testimonial; or with the Manitobians, where it is cold enough in the winter to freeze water left standing out doors in a pail; or among the orange groves of Florida, where every prospect pleases, during the winter, and only the alligators, swamps and six million varieties of bugs, flies and fevers during the summer, are vile? We pause for a reply and breath. There is no harder sight than to see an enterprising farmer, here or in any of the older States, who when it was wild land, and now, after years of toil and just when he is getting to where the solid comfort comes in, get the idea that he must have "more land." He sells the old place, goes out west and begins all over again and after breaking his back for twenty years he gets a piece of land six feet by two in the graveyard. But we suppose some men get into such a habit of working, that a few minutes' rest would poison them like a dose of Prussic acid.

## SAD FATE OF LOTTIE MERRILL.

Lottie Merrill, the celebrated young huntress of Wayne county, Pennsylvania, is dead. A few weeks ago the *Scrutinel* published an account of the killing of two bears by Miss Merrill. A fearful tale is told in the *Port Jervis Union* of the fate of Miss Merrill. According to this account she met a most tragic death on the 8th of February, being attacked in her hut by six bears, killed and eaten by them and her body burned with the carcasses of some of them in her cabin. A party of hunters, it is said, at the close of that day, found her cabin still burning, and proofs of the horrible death she had died. It appears that she had been hunting that day, and had killed a fine buck deer, which, after removing the entrails, she had dragged home on the snow. Six hungry bears, drawn by the smell of blood, had followed the trail to her hut, and after devouring the carcass of the deer attacked the huntress, killing her and devouring her body. The girl had evidently made an heroic defense. An examination of the carcasses of the six bears in the cabin showed that she must have killed two of them before being overpowered. The carcasses of one bear had fallen against the closed door, and imprisoned them all within the cabin, which took fire and burned the others to death. In the cabin was found one of the huntress' heavy boots, with her foot still in it. A bent hunting knife was near her bones, and the antlers of the deer she had brought home, which, with carcasses of bears, furnished a complete key to the mystery. Her funeral took place on Wednesday, the 9th. At least three hundred people were present at the funeral, and the old preacher, William Budwick, preached a sermon relating the story of her death and extolling her bravery and virtue. The remains were buried near her burned cabin, and over her grave was placed a pair of antlers and hemlock slab with this rude epitaph: "Lottie Merrill lays here. She didn't know what it was to be afeared, but she had her last tassel with the bars, and they have scooped her. Was a good girl, and she is now in Heaven. It took six big bears to get away with her. She was only eighteen years old."

## THE GENUINE JUDGE LYNCH.—IT

is a curious thing, remarked the *Pall Mall Gazette*, that three of the most expressive words in the English language should have been added to it, if not by Irishmen, at least by men belonging by residence or descent to the west of Ireland. "To Burke," "to Lynch," and "to Boycott," have all taken their places, if not exactly in classical literature, at least in the vernacular of the English-speaking race all over the world. There is little dispute as to the identity of the Mr. Burke whose name became a synonym for murder as to that of Capt. Boycott, but there is some doubt as to whom was the original Mr. Lynch. There have been several Lynches remarkable for taking the law into their own hands. A Virginia farmer of that name who flogged a thief with his own hands has probably no claim to the honor ascribed to him by a doubtful tradition. The claims of Judge Lynch, who was sent out to suppress piracy in 1867-8, are more substantial; but the genuine aboriginal Lynch is said to have been Mayor of Galway in the fifteenth century, and to have made his name famous by hanging his son, with his own hands, out of the upper window, in execution of a death sentence passed upon him for robbery and murder.

## EGYPTIAN OBELISKS.—There

are thirty of them at the present time scattered over Europe. Rome has eleven, four of which are higher than our New York obelisk. The highest of the Roman obelisks, which is also the highest in Europe, stands before the church of St. John Lateran. The obelisk in the piazza of St. Peter's is 82 feet 9 inches high. Both of these were mounted on high pedestals. The pedestal of the St. John's Lateran obelisk is 44 feet high, making the entire height of obelisk and pedestal 126 feet. The pedestal of the St. Peter's obelisk is a trifle less than 50 feet high, making the whole height of the monument 132 feet two inches.—*Scientific American.*

## HAD SOME HUMOR.—Old General

Wrangel, of Prussia, not long since deceased, was a crabbed and queer character, but he had some humor. *The Bear*, a Berlin periodical, tells how one of his officers called on him one day, wearing spurs that did not conform to the army regulations, noticing which, Wrangel imposed a penalty of twenty-four hours' confinement upon him. The officer, seeing that Wrangel wore the same kind of spurs himself, called his attention to the fact. "That is so," replied the old soldier. "You are right, and you may therefore remain under twenty-four hours' additional arrest for me."

## LOST EXPECTATIONS.—A gentleman

had five daughters, the first of whom married a man by the name of Poor, the second a Mr. Little, the third a Mr. Short, the fourth a Mr. Brown, the fifth a Mr. Hogg. At the wedding of the latter her sisters with their husbands were there, and the old gentleman said to his guests: "I have taken pains to educate my daughters that they might act well their part in life and do honor to my family. I find that all my pains, care, and expectations have turned out nothing but a Poor, Little Short, Brown, Hogg."

## AN enormous increase in the

evaporated fruit business is taking place in western New York, the recent legal decision that there is no monopoly of the sulphur process of bleaching having had a stimulating effect on the industry. A single New York firm last year evaporated 20,000 bushels, and bought fruit evaporated by others equivalent to 300,000 bushels. Of this a London house took 100 tons, and has doubled its order. The growers throughout New York State are preparing to develop the foreign market for this product.

## AN easy method of showing

whether butter is adulterated with beef fat has been submitted by Hager. He saturates a cotton wick with a suspected sample, which is first melted. He then lights the wick and permits it to burn for about two minutes. At the end of that time, when the wick is extinguished, an odor like that given off by a tallow candle, when its flame is blown out, is readily perceived if the butter is artificial.

## SMITHINGTON in recounting

to a friend the advantages of a house which he wished to lease to him said: "Yes, and there is quite a good garden connected with the house." "Yes," said his friend, "I can probably hire a man to take care of the garden for \$18 or \$20, and can gather \$7 or \$8 worth of vegetables from it. That garden would be a regular bonanza for me."—*Rome Sentinel.*

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## HAD SOME HUMOR.—Old General

Wrangel, of Prussia, not long since deceased, was a crabbed and queer character, but he had some humor. *The Bear*, a Berlin periodical, tells how one of his officers called on him one day, wearing spurs that did not conform to the army regulations, noticing which, Wrangel imposed a penalty of twenty-four hours' confinement upon him. The officer, seeing that Wrangel wore the same kind of spurs himself, called his attention to the fact. "That is so," replied the old soldier. "You are right, and you may therefore remain under twenty-four hours' additional arrest for me."

## LOST EXPECTATIONS.—A gentleman

had five daughters, the first of whom married a man by the name of Poor, the second a Mr. Little, the third a Mr. Short, the fourth a Mr. Brown, the fifth a Mr. Hogg. At the wedding of the latter her sisters with their husbands were there, and the old gentleman said to his guests: "I have taken pains to educate my daughters that they might act well their part in life and do honor to my family. I find that all my pains, care, and expectations have turned out nothing but a Poor, Little Short, Brown, Hogg."

## AN enormous increase in the

evaporated fruit business is taking place in western New York, the recent legal decision that there is no monopoly of the sulphur process of bleaching having had a stimulating effect on the industry. A single New York firm last year evaporated 20,000 bushels, and bought fruit evaporated by others equivalent to 300,000 bushels. Of this a London house took 100 tons, and has doubled its order. The growers throughout New York State are preparing to develop the foreign market for this product.

## AN easy method of showing

whether butter is adulterated with beef fat has been submitted by Hager. He saturates a cotton wick with a suspected sample, which is first melted. He then lights the wick and permits it to burn for about two minutes. At the end of that time, when the wick is extinguished, an odor like that given off by a tallow candle, when its flame is blown out, is readily perceived if the butter is artificial.

## SMITHINGTON in recounting

to a friend the advantages of a house which he wished to lease to him said: "Yes, and there is quite a good garden connected with the house." "Yes," said his friend, "I can probably hire a man to take care of the garden for \$18 or \$20, and can gather \$7 or \$8 worth of vegetables from it. That garden would be a regular bonanza for me."—*Rome Sentinel.*

## THERE are fears that Paul Boyton,

the swimmer, who has been in the torpedo service of Peru during the late war, is dead. Nothing has been heard from him for over three months, when he was known to be in danger of capture from the enemy's fleet. Still, he may have dove, and is afraid to come up.—*Peck's Sun.*

## It is said King Koffie has a large

army in Africa ready to attack the British. With eggs at present prices, it will cost the British government a mint of money to settle Koffie.—*Rome Sentinel.*

A howling dog and an amateur accordion player will cause the angel of peace to plume its wings and flee from the best locality on which the sun ever shone.—*Quincy Modern Argo.*

## A SUMMER HOTEL WITHOUT RO-

MANTIC NONSENSE.

Yesterday the landlord of an up-country summer hotel was in the city and called on several people to see if they would remember his house when deciding on the place to go next summer. He struck a broker who has a large family, and mentioned what he wanted. "Got a nice place?" asked the broker. "First rate," said the landlord. "Many attractions?" "Several."

"How's the scenery?" "Fair."

"Any romantic spot where lovers jumped off a big bluff into a pond?" "No; folks up our way don't make such cussed fools of themselves."

"Oh, well, have you got any cave about with an old hermit in it?" "No, sir; if any supernatant tramp tries to loaf about that part of the country and get money out of my guests by calling himself a hermit, he'll find himself in the house of correction quicker than a hornet can get his work in."

"Ah! Got a medicinal spring on your place?" "No, sir. If a man is sick we've got a good physician in the vicinity, and good, pure water is so plenty with us that we don't try to economize on it by inducing our guests to drink from some nasty pool that'll give 'em an attack of cholera."

"I see. Well, then, how's the fishing?" "Can't catch two fish a day in the whole region, but there's a number of good places to go to with a supply of punch and cigars to play cards and have a good time, and I always keep a supply of trout on hand to fill your baskets when you come home, so you can show the speckled beauties to the women folks."

"H'm! You don't seem to have such attractions as most of the summer resorts advertise."

"No, I haven't. I







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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 18, 1881  
DELAWARE R. R.—TRAINS LEAVE MIDDLETOWN, GOING NORTH, 7:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 3:30 P.M., 6:30 P.M.  
GOING SOUTH, 10:45 A.M., 2:07 P.M., 5:29 P.M.

### LOCAL AFFAIRS.

#### Town Notes.

The fun of moving will come in next week.

The mechanics are all busy with their spring carts.

This has been a good week for fresh fish and book agents.

Mr. W. P. Biggs moved into his new dwelling on Wednesday.

The foundation for Mr. Harry Riley's new house, on Green street, is going up.

After a long "spell" of bad roads we are at last getting out of the mud and mud.

Work on the new brick building on Broad street, west of the bank, will be commenced in a few days.

A goodly number of Middletown people attended the entertainments at Odessa, Friday and Wednesday evenings.

The reports of the Citizens' National Bank, and New Castle County National Bank of Odessa, appear this week.

Mr. Geo. S. Hopkins has purchased the bakery and confectionery of E. Jefferson, and has already taken possession.

Rev. Mr. Murray left home for conference on Tuesday, and Messrs. T. E. Hurn and A. G. Cox, on Wednesday.

Rev. W. C. Alexander will preach next Sabbath morning to young men. The public are cordially invited to be present.

The windows of the Middletown merchants are handsome to look into just now. The display of spring goods was never finer of larger.

The pastor's entertainment by the ladies of the M. E. Church will probably take place on the evening of the first Tuesday in April.

Just as we were going to press we received a telegram from Rev. Mr. Murray stating that Rev. C. A. Hill, Jr., will preach in the M. E. Church on Friday.

Dr. G. C. Chamberlain, who has been connected with the drug business for the past thirty-five years, calls attention to his pharmacy, in our advertising columns, this week.

C. Hall has been through town with early-crop cat fish, and expresses the belief that there will be an abundant yield. It seems the cold weather didn't affect the buds in the least.

Colonels Hickman and Smith, of Lake City, Colorado, friends of Dr. W. G. B. Lewis, also of Colorado, but now visiting his parents here, were in town from Saturday until Monday.

It is thought the next M. E. Conference will be held in Middletown, an invitation to that end having been extended to the preachers now in session at Lewes. Set all the hens you can this spring.

Love affects young men in various ways. Not long ago, on an early day, a Middletown church with his girl at his side, leaving his hat behind, and tried to put his umbrella on his head. There is hope for him yet.

The amended charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of St. Georges and Annapolis, which has been granted by the Legislature, and the new name is, "The Cantwell Insurance Company." That's several inches shorter, anyway.

Mr. Vandenberg, of Holland, a sugar beet grower of wide experience, will address the farmers on the subject of beet culture, at the Agricultural room, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at two o'clock. He will doubtless be able to give our farmers much valuable information on the sugar beet question.

Steam power will be introduced in the Transcript office, on an early day, an engine having already been ordered from the manufactory of B. W. Payne & Sons, Corning, N. Y. With steam power and an additional press for our jobbing department, which we shall put in within a few weeks, we believe our facilities will be equal to all demands.

The following property are advertised to be sold at Sheriff's sale, at the hotel of Samuel Peacock, in Middletown, on the 29th inst. The frame store-house formerly occupied by T. E. Lindley; dwelling-house on Main street, belonging to Rachael A. Whitlock; twelve acres of land in Fenwick hundred, and a frame dwelling in Odessa, belonging to Wm. B. Croft.

Before leaving home for conference, Rev. Mr. Murray, of the M. E. Church, promised to send a good preacher to his pulpit on Sunday next, and cautioned his congregation to take good care of him, give him plenty of chicken and send him back early on Monday morning. Therefore, we suppose services will be held at the M. E. Church on Sunday.

Middletown, Del., has more houses for rent than any other town of the same size on the peninsula. Only think so because you see eight or ten houses advertised for rent in this paper. The fact is, our people, when they want to rent a house, advertise it in a newspaper, instead of seeking a place on the door, that not one person out of every hundred in the community will read.

County.

Seven hundred herrings were caught in the lock, at Delaware City, Monday morning.

At public sales this season personal property has brought good prices throughout the county.

The Newark Ledger didn't sell, last week. The highest bid was only \$380. Country newspapers are evidently not in demand.

The steamer "Clasp" will begin regular trips between Odessa and Philadelphia on Monday, making two trips a week until further notice.

Benton V. Weldon, of Smyrna, has taken out letters of administration on the estate of Sewell Manning, late of Appoquinimink hundred.

James H. M. Handy, brother of Moses P. Handy, of Philadelphia, died at the residence of Mr. Thomas F. Dilworth, near Port Penn, on Sunday evening. He was for some time connected with Collins South American railroad scheme.

Charles B. Love, Esq., on Wednesday night celebrated the fifth anniversary of his birth by giving a supper to his law students, past and present. Nine in all were in attendance. H. C. Turner, Harry Sharpley, J. Frank Ball, Thomas Davis, W. T. Lyman, H. E. Heister and Harry Ennumon, Esqs., all of whom are practicing lawyers, and besides, two of Mr. Love's present students, Every Evening.

On the Wilson estate, five miles southwest of Middletown, in the cellar of an unoccupied brick house, standing near the Maryland and Delaware line, a deep hole

## Entertainment at Odessa.

Almost every seat in Odessa's cozy little hall was filled on Tuesday evening, and the promise of an enjoyable entertainment, as made by "the bills," was more than fulfilled. It was the first of two entertainments in aid of Dr. W. G. Chamberlain's Church, and the programme embraced recitations by Prof. H. W. Smith, of Princeton Seminary, and a drama by local talent. Prof. Smith is a graduate of the Boston School of Oratory. He is a finished and engaging reader, impressive and affecting in the pathetic and exceedingly thrilling scenes in the humorous. His recitations on Tuesday evening were, "Paddy and the Owl," "Willie Baird," "Idalia," and Mark Twain's "Memorable Croup." The drama "The Jew on Parle Francaise," was smoothly and pleasingly rendered by the local talent, and by the way, Odessa's local dramatic talent never fails to give an audience an enjoyable time when they try. The female parts were all well sustained as follows: Julia, wife of Major Regulus Rattan, by Miss Gertrude Johnson; Mrs. Spriggins, by Miss Porter; Angelina (her daughter), by Miss Mattie Green; Anna Rattan (maid of all work), by Miss Lillian; Mrs. J. G. Brown, made an excellent Major Rattan; Mr. W. M. Vandegrift, who never fails to get all the fun out of a thing there is in it, made everybody laugh with his "French before breakfast," and Mr. W. S. Perry, as the genuine Frenchman from Paris, who was happy because "the love and I love she," was imitatively true. Seemingly, the hour of hearty laughter put the audience in good trim to do justice to the terrapin, oysters and other good things that embraced the bill of fare served in restaurant style, in the lower room of the hall, at the close of the entertainment. The tables were soon filled, and all received the best attention, and, apparently, were happy. A valued Odessa correspondent elsewhere reports the details of the entertainment of Wednesday evening.

### State.

The air is still heavily charged with railroad rumors in Delaware.

Richardson & Robbins, of Dover, have broken ground for a new cannery.

A Smyrna train has shipped ten thousand eggs since the first of March.

Excursion tickets are now sold on any of the three trains running to Philadelphia.

The wages of the Dover policemen have been advanced from \$35 to \$40 per year.

Josh Billings lectured to a large audience at Smyrna, Friday evening last week.

Governor Hall's overcoat was stolen from his room in the State House, one day last week.

Delaware's militia propose to attend the Yorktown celebration, going by sea to the old Virginia village.

At this time late the peach trees were in bloom. Will they bloom at this time? It is the question.

The early run of spring shoppers, going north, has greatly increased the passenger traffic on the Delaware road.

Patrik Hanner has bought of Mr. Crutcher, of Baltimore, a farm in Appoquinimink hundred, 140 acres, for \$2,200.

Mr. John R. Dickson and wife, of Bremenford, celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage, on Monday evening.

The act to help the Dover State Fair with State funds don't seem to be making much progress in the Legislature. Therefore, it looks as though the State Fair will have to stand on its own bottom.

All the Delaware canners are making large contracts with growers for tomatoes. Seven dollars per ton seems to be the ruling price down the State, and farmers say the crop pays well at that price.

Messrs. Wier, Polk and Silver compose the Legislative Committee appointed by the Levy Court. They will confer with the attorney of the Levy Court in regard to needed legislation for New Castle county.

Mrs. Anna F. Groves, who for a year past has been engaged in teaching in the public schools at Centerville, New Castle county, has just been elected assistant principal in the high school of Harrisburg, Pa.

### Maryland Matters.

Dr. R. F. Tull, corresponding secretary Cecil County Sportsmen's Association, has ordered from Florida 240 quail for propagating purposes.

The managers of the Cecil county Agricultural Society have determined to hold their fair this fall for four days, and have fixed on the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th days of October as the date.

Two young men, Robert Bradshaw and Jack Myers, were upset from a boat near Cambridge, Saturday morning, and the former was drowned. They were wild-duck shooting at Odessa.

Washington College, at Chestertown, caught fire on Saturday last and was damaged to a small amount. The fire was fortunately discovered before it got much headway, and the building saved.

The body of a colored man, named George Moore, was found last Sunday morning lying in a field at Warwick. He left the house at which he was stopping about eight o'clock the evening before. His death was caused by hemorrhage of the lungs. An inquest was held.

### Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mutual Loan Association, of Middletown, was held on Tuesday evening. The secretary submitted the eighth annual report, which was read and accepted. It makes an excellent showing of profits for the past year—the best, it is said, of any similar association in the State. The net profit on each share this year was: first series, \$11.01; second series, \$9.72; third series, \$8.21; fourth series, \$6.76; fifth series, \$5.39; sixth series, \$4.14; seventh series, \$3.02; eighth series, \$2.04. The following property has been taken from the stock of the association: First series, \$55.09; second series, \$47.18; third series, \$33.25; fourth series, \$29.64; fifth series, \$17.16; sixth series, \$10.10; seventh series, \$5.85; eighth series, \$2.04. The number of shares shown this year, in years, the annual election was also held on Tuesday evening with the following result: President, G. E. Hukill; Vice-President, H. A. Nowland; Secretary, A. G. Cox; Treasurer, A. G. Cox; Managers, Wm. H. Moore, Isaac Jones, Jr., Joseph Gary. All are re-elections. About \$700 of the surplus funds of the association were sold, bringing from par to six cents premium. All the stock of the ninth series (over two hundred shares) has been taken, and some who wanted a few shares got fooled by Old Procrastination.

### Irving Lyceum.

The regular meeting of Irving Lyceum was held on Monday evening, at the Academy, with a full attendance. The programme was more than usually entertaining, and the meeting one of the most enjoyable that has yet been held. Mr. M. B. Burris favored the society with a humorous selection entitled "The Bashful Man." Miss Lillian B. Roberts read an original sketch of travel, and Mr. Samuel Hambley read the quantity amusing sketch by Seta Smith, entitled "Seating the Parish." The answers to questions afforded much instruction and amusement. Miss S. Louise Downs, in reply to one of these, gave a brief but excellent synopsis of the plot of the Merchant of Venice, and Miss Mollie Burris created much merriment by relating an account of the "Seven Sleepers," in which she said that one noticeable fact about them was, that they were "all men." Through the kindness of Miss Jennie S. Wright, who tendered to the society the use of her organ, the musical part of the programme was an entertaining feature. On resolution, the time of meeting was changed from 7:45 to 8 o'clock, and the next regular meeting will be held at the Academy on Monday evening. From present indications we should say that Irving Lyceum is an institution that has "come to stay."

### List of Letters.

Remaining in the postoffice, at Middletown, for the week ending March 18, 1881: Wm. H. Hill, Miss Maggie Stehls, J. W. Wiggins, Walmina Wiggins.

Persons calling for the above will please say they are advertised.

For your Spring Clothing our friends should not forget Robt. S. Wilds, at the popular house of A. C. Yates & Co., Philadelphia.

## The Churches.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church—Rev. W. G. W. Lewis, Rector. Morning service, 8 o'clock, 10:30 a.m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7 o'clock. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 2:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church—Rev. W. C. Alexander, Pastor. Sunday services, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. J. H. Willey, Pastor. Sunday services, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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St. Mark the Evangelist's Episcopal Church—Rev. W. L. S. Murray, Pastor. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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